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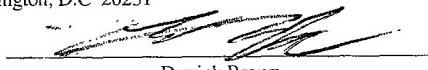
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ATTN: PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**SYNTHETIC LAYERED SILICATE EXHIBITING TOLERANCE TO ELECTROLYTES IN APPLICATIONS THEREOF**" -- Shaw, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 21 page specification, 13 pages of claims (Claims 1-54), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 1 drawing on 1 sheet. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of David B. Shaw, Terence Timperley, Mohammed Jameel Barlas and Jane Doyle for the above-entitled invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and filing fees. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned Applicant representative.

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